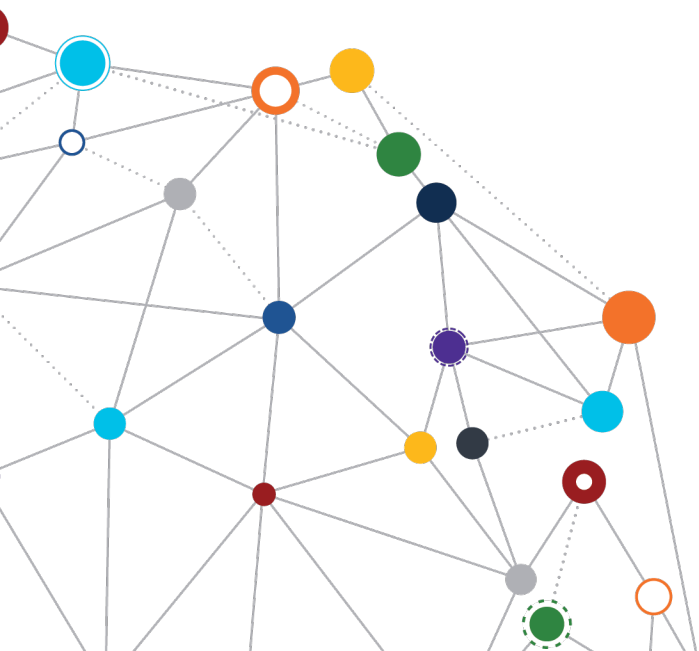




VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Veterans Access to Care (OVAC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to [System Summary](#) for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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1.4.1 Information

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- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: [REDACTED]
- » VA Software Document Library (VDL) – Scheduling (VSE manuals near the bottom):
<https://www.va.gov/vdl/application.asp?appid=100>
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: [REDACTED]

2 System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VS GUI application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.6.1, which includes VS GUI 1.7.6.1 and Emergency VistA patch SD*5.3*784. At time of publishing, install period is projected for June 2021.

This update includes the following:

- » Corrects Patient Search hot keys issues.
- » Enhancements to the Request Management (RM) grid, including the ability to disable initial RM grid load in user preferences, and changing the cursor displayed when hovering over the RM grid size.
- » New Remote Procedure Calls (RPCs) were added to return a smaller subset of data related to open appointment requests

3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.6.1

3.1 Ability to Disable Initial RM Grid Load in User Preferences

Schedulers now have the ability to configure local settings if they prefer for the RM Grid not to load on login, thereby allowing the application to load quickly. This is done by unchecking the “Load Patient Requests when signing in” checkbox under the Local Settings in User Preferences tab.

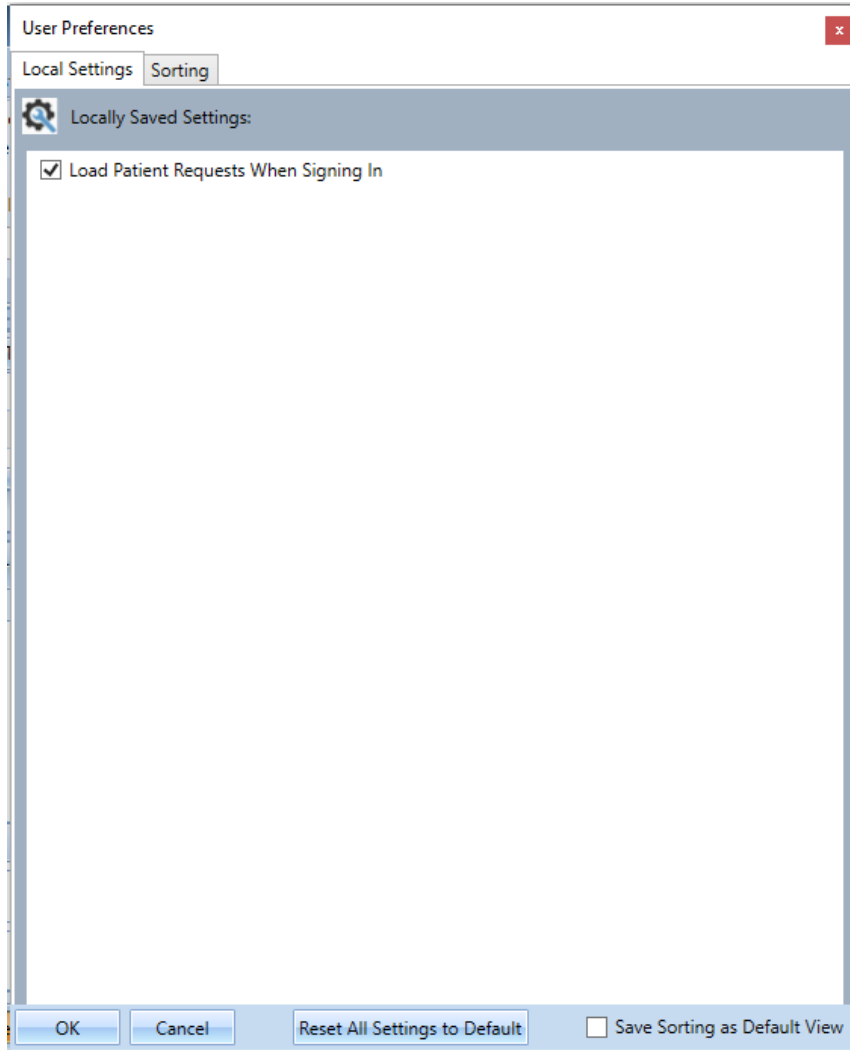


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